

The Mail Bag

Canada of ours (or is it the manufacturers?). By defeating reciprocity protection saved us farmers from losing control of our wheat grading by giving us higher grades for our wheat as grades are easier across the line, from shipping our wheat south at a cheaper freight rate so ruining our railways. It also saved us from the awful crime of letting in the American millers to compete with our own in both buying our wheat and selling their flour. The same applies to the poor struggling lumber industry. Had not protection so bravely stepped forward and taken up the cudgels against reciprocity we should have been flooded with American lumber and at the same time they would have exploited all our forests Oh! how thankful we farmers should be that by defeating reciprocity protection saved us from capturing the American market and left the road clear for the Argentine Republic.

The misery and anguish we should have suffered by getting from 5 to 10 cents per bushel more for our grain, the awful sight of seeing our railways go back to two rusty streaks and the right of way, of our flour mills being closed and finally ending up by the American nation gobbling us all up. Oh! when I think, Mr. Editor, if there was no other benefit that protection had performed for us farmers this alone should cause us to show our gratitude, especially when you think if they can only succeed for a few more years in keeping this horrible reciprocity back, all danger will be over as the Argentine Republic will have fully captured the American wheat market and we shall be saved, gloriously saved, by the paternal philanthropic aid of protection as represented by our friends the manufacturers, bankers and railway interests, not forgetting the politicians.

Trusting you will now see some of the benefits of protection to farmers and be good.

C. S. WATKINS.

Longvale, Man.

PARCELS TO PRISONERS

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The new regulations issued from Ottawa on November 2, re the sending of parcels to prisoners of war provide that—"No parcel will be sent to a prisoner unless examined or packed by the central committee or by organizations authorized by that committee. Every prisoner will be sent parcels by one and only one authorized organization. Adequate supplies of food will be sent by authorized organizations from their own stores to every prisoner. Persons will be permitted to send parcels to individual prisoners thru authorized organizations, but such parcels must not contain bread, cake or tinned food, as such articles are difficult to censor without spoiling; but the gross weight of parcels of food, including bread, sent individual prisoners, must not exceed thirty pounds a week. Parcels for officers will be dealt with as at present."

SEED GRAIN PRIZE WINNERS

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The prize winners in the recent seed grain competition for boys and girls in which \$150 was offered in prizes by the Rural Improvement League of The Grain Growers' Guide are as follows:—For wheat—1. Connie Hey, McCreary, Man; 2. M. A. Kleine, Rosthern, Sask; 3. Mable G. Orchard, Halcyonia, Sask; 4. Fleneer Meilieke, Clavet, Sgek; 5. Mary Shield, MacLeod, Alta; 7. Edith E. Scholsser, Kerrobert, Sask; 9. John H. Ewert, Main Centre, Sask; Winners in oats:—1. Hugh A. McCullough, Aldersyde, Alta; 2. John M. Harvey, Durban, Man; 3. Maggie Sutherland, Broadview, Sask; 4. Margeret E. Harrington, Big Stone, Alta.

GRAIN GROWERS' CASUALTIES
Out of forty-two employees of the
Winnipeg office of the Grain Growers'
Grain Co., Ltd., who have enlisted since
the outbreak of the big European war;
casualties have been reported as follows:
Killed in action: Sidney Allanson, A. B.
Sinclair, Cyril Mann and Harry May,
Wounded; C. G. Yeats, W. T. Sinclair,
Ed. Sladden and C. Cameron Brown.
Some time ago also it was announced
that Fred Kennady, son of John Kennedy,
vice-president of the company, was killed
in action. On October 1, the casualty
lists included as missing the name of
Douglas Moffat, son of William Moffat,
see-treas of the company. On October

POTATOES AND CABBAGES
GO SOUTH

Ever since settlement began in the West there has been constant lament, that we were buying from the States many products of the farm and garden that could be grown as well at home. It is now very satisfactory to know that the tables are turning. Since the movement began this fall, the C.P.R. alone has taken south via Emerson no less than fifty-eight carloads of cabbages and thirty-seven carloads of potatoes. Most of these were grown north of Winnipeg, a very considerable part coming from the Winnipeg Beach line. In addition, there is a big movement of potatoes from as far west as British Columbia going out thru North Portal, Sask. Most of these carloads are consigned to Minneapolis, but they are going as far south as St. Louis, and to quite an extent into Ohio.

As to both cabbages and potatoes, it can be safely said that our northern

As to both cabbages and potatoes, it can be safely said that our northern grown crop will keep far better than the southern crop; and once we establish ourselves in the southern market, the quality and freshness of our products at this time of the year will make their own appeal.

JUDGMENT ON BILINGUALISM
Judgment in the Ontario bilingual
controversy was given on Tuesday,
November 2, by the Privy Council.
It was ruled that the Department of
Education had not exceeded its powers
in holding that instruction in the French
language in Ontario schools should not
exceed one hour a day and that the English language must be the language of
instruction. But, on the other hand, the
Lords of the Privy Council defined as
illegal the appointment by the Ontario
government, under special act of the
provincial parliament, of a commission in
which were vested the powers of the
recalcitrant trustees of the Ottawa separate school board. The legislature had
not the power to pass such an act.

SHEEP SALE AT SASKATOON
At the auction sale held by the Saskatchewan Sheep and Swine Breeders' Association, at Saskatoon, November 1, out of the 70 sheep listed, 60 were sold, at an average price of \$30. The highest price obtained for any one animal was \$75, for which a shearing Shropshire, contributed by Max Schnitter, of Nutana, and originally bred by the university, was sold. A number of hogs were sold at an average price of \$20.

The sale of pure-breds totalled over. \$2,000, and besides these over six hundred grade range ewes were disposed of at about \$10 each.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND \$7,600.00 10.00 20.00 35.30 \$7,751.79 RED CROSS FUND \$1,648.15 \$1,747.00 S4,000 FOR CAR OF WHEAT
On October 27 the Thomder Easy Terminal
Elevator Company, Fort Arthor, unloaded Funzsylvania car No. 34,704, containing 120,500 peanis
or 2,100,400 grous bushels of wheat. This car was
abipped by the Canadian Elevator Company from
Hankey, graded 2 Northern. 1 per cent, deckape,
and sold by them October 28 at \$1.56, making the
net returns \$5,802.75. This car was the largest
that was ever unloaded at the besid of the Canadian

RECORD WHEAT YIELDS
One of the highest yields ever recorded from
500 acres of grain is that from the C. S. Noble
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In quantity of chosen made in Maintobs, in the quantity of chosen made in Maintobs, in the quantity of the product and in the profit to the persons of the factories, the season of 1916 has persons the best yet. Two years ago Manitobs made 471,555 pounds of chosen which sold for 14 sense per pound. Seat year the province increased the amount to 720,725 pounds, selling at 15 cents; the year the complete returns when in are expected to come close to the million pound mark, and the prices have mostly heregoed between an 18 and 20 cent level, with a wholesale price of 22 cents at he factories at present.



What You Want BETTER

All the years of your life there have been certain methods and certain principles which you have considered best, whether it was buying, selling, farming or just living.

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